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Statement of Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal on Veterans Day

Phoenix, AZ, November 10, 2011– Today, Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal released the following statement on Veterans Day:

“On behalf of the employees of the Arizona Department of Education, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the soldiers and veterans of our armed forces and to all those who have served our country. Each year, we pause on Veterans Day to pay tribute to these men and women and to acknowledge the great debt our nation owes each and every one of them for their sacrifices.

As educators, we play a special role in helping our children learn about their rights, roles and responsibilities as American citizens. Children will never fully appreciate the freedoms that we as Americans enjoy unless they first understand the origins of our nation, the sacrifices of so many across the generations that came before them and about the courage of our men and women who are once again fighting to preserve freedom across the globe.

I hope you will join me in celebrating this important holiday and honoring our bravest citizens who have fought to protect our principles of freedom and democracy and keep us safe.”

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